

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 8, 2021, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, PRESIDENT, DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT AND, BONNIE J. BATCHLER, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER SHORTLY AFTER 10:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE MARCH 8, 2021 REGULAR SESSION WAS VIDEO RECORDED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME. IN ADDITION, THE REGULAR SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE AT <https://www.youtube.com/user/clermontcounty/playlists>

IN RE: MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler,

To approve the minutes of Regular Session of 03/03/2021.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: A PRESENTATION BY SCOTT O'REILLY, FOUNDER OF THE LITTLE FORK ADVOCACY CENTER, HAS BEEN MOVED TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER CORCORAN STATED THAT A CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND REQUESTED WHETHER ANY BOARD MEMBER WANTED ANY ITEMS REMOVED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION AND UPON HEARING NONE:

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

1. IN RE: REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO JOIN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ROUTINE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATIVE THERETO...APPROVED

Requests from various departments to join professional organizations and to authorize payment of the annual dues in the amounts outlined below for membership therein, pursuant to Section 325.21 of the Ohio Revised Code and to authorize reimbursement of **routine travel expenses** associated therewith (*excluding expenses for overnight accommodations, meals for more than one day, registration fees, tuition, and/or transportation by common carrier*) pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Calendar Year 2021 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

Elected Official or Department/Employee	Organization	Annual Dues	Term
Clermont County Public Defender Amelia Ballard Robert Benintendi Richard Campbell Kendra Daugherty Ryan DeBra Matthew Faris Brian Goldberg Willard Haynes Greg Hoffman Emily Huddleston James Hunt Owen Kelm Nicholas Kernan Gary Knepp Elizabeth Lewis Ron Mason Katherine Montgomery Karen Oakley Julie Pedersen Patrick Stapp Dan Startsman Robert Stearns Lauri Tekulve John Treleven DC#21-0302-002	Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers	\$1,200.00	01/01/2021 through 12/31/2021

## 2. IN RE: TRAINING AND TRAVEL REQUESTS...REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES RELATIVE TO SAME...APPROVED

Recommendation of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to approve the following requests for reimbursement of expenses for training and travel pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Calendar Year 2021 and any and all amendments subsequent thereto:

### COUNTY SHERIFF

**Carly Gebhardt** – (2) days – Cincinnati, Ohio – National Highway Traffic Safety Administration – Standardized Field Sobriety Test Refresher and Drugged Driving Training – total expenses for registration (\$0.00), not to exceed \$0.00.

**William Crouch** – (4) days – Nashville, Tennessee – K-9 Cop Magazine – 2021 K-9 Cop Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$572.40), meals (\$244.00) and registration (\$295.00), not to exceed \$1,111.40.

**Jim Kirker** – (4) days – Nashville, Tennessee – K-9 Cop Magazine – 2021 K-9 Cop Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$572.40), meals (\$244.00), parking (\$50.00) and registration (\$295.00), not to exceed \$1,161.40.

**Chad Popham** – (4) days – Nashville, Tennessee – K-9 Cop Magazine – 2021 K-9 Cop Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$572.40), meals (\$244.00), parking (\$50.00) and registration (\$295.00), not to exceed \$1,161.40.

### CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**Lyle Bloom** - (1) day – Batavia, Ohio – Southwestern Ohio Water Environment Association – March Virtual Section Meeting – total expenses for registration (\$30.00), not to exceed \$30.00.

**James Mattes** – (2) days – Batavia, Ohio – National Association of Sewer Services Companies - Recertification PACP-MACP-LACP Virtual Class – total expenses for registration (\$655.00), not to exceed \$655.00.

### DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

**Gretchen Behimer** – (1) day – Batavia, Ohio – National Association of Social Workers Ohio Chapter – Ethics and Supervision Virtual Training – total expenses for registration (\$140.00), not to exceed \$140.00.

## 3. IN RE: PERSONNEL ACTIONS...APPROVED

- \* THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, RELATIVE TO PERSONNEL ACTIONS IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UPON REQUEST MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

## **NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

### **4. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...TRANSFER OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) ALLOCATION FUNDING FROM THE CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) FUND TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY CHILDREN PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) FUND FOR SAME...21-0224-001...RATIFIED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Timothy Dick, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize the transfer of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Allocation funding from the Clermont County Public Assistance Fund to the Clermont County Children Protective Services (CPS) Fund, for calendar year 2021, for the CPS provides assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives, and further, to execute the transfer approval form relative thereto, pursuant to and in compliance with Section 5705.14 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 5101:9-6-08 (Section G) of the Ohio Administrative Code therefore.

**DISCUSSION:** MR. DICK SHARED THAT THIS IS A CORRECTION FROM THE MARCH 3, 2021 AGENDA WHERE THE MONEY WAS INNACURATELY GOING TO CHILD SUPPORT WHEN IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN GOING TO CHILDREN'S PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

### **IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ADDITION OF (1) ONE AGENDA ITEM TO THE REGULAR SESSION OF 03/08/2021...21-0104-004...APPROVED**

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Greg Bickford, Assistant County Administrator, asked the Board to consider adding (1) one additional item to the agenda of the Regular Session of 03/08/2021 to include a Resolution to waive the County imposed inspection fees for inspections relating to flooding of the Ohio River. Commissioner Corcoran asked for a motion to approve the addition to the agenda for today's Regular Session.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT...RESOLUTION NUMBER 035-21 WAIVING THE COUNTY IMPOSED FEES FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS RELATING TO FLOODING OF THE OHIO RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES WITHIN CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO...21-0305-005**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Bruce Crase, County Building Inspector, with the concurrence of Greg Bickford, Assistant County Administrator, to adopt Resolution Number **035-21** hereby waiving the County imposed inspection fees for inspections directly relating to the reoccupation of evacuated buildings and structures resulting from recent flooding of the Ohio River and tributaries, within Clermont County, Ohio, through March 19, 2021.

DISCUSSION: COMMISSIONER PAINTER STATED THAT THIS IS A GREAT MOVE FORWARD FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY RECENT FLOODING AND WAIVING THESE FEES GIVES THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THEIR STRUCTURES ARE INSPECTED AND SAFE. COMMISSIONER CORCORAN ADDED THAT COMMISSIONER BATCHLER HAS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA AND ASKED IF SHE HAD ANYTHING TO ADD. COMMISSIONER BATCHLER ASKED ABOUT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED. MICHAEL MCNAMARA SHARED THAT SINCE THIS IS EFFECTIVE THROUGH MARCH 19, 2021, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT MORE COULD BE AFFECTED AND A FULL REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIAL. COMMISSIONER BATCHLER THINKS THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR ALL THOSE IMPACTED BY THE FLOODING AND VOICED HER SUPPORT.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PAINTER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BATCHLER, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:10 A.M. PURSUANT TO SECTION 121.22 (G) (3) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO CONFER WITH THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING OR IMMINENT LITIGATION, RESPECTIVELY.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RESUMED REGULAR SESSION AT 10:33 A.M. WITH NO ACTION TAKEN AND NO DECISIONS MADE.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORAN STATED THAT THE BOARD HAD REACHED THE COUNTY STAFF/ELECTED OFFICIAL DISCUSSION SECTION OF THE AGENDA. SHE INQUIRED IF THERE WAS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** MARK TEKULVE, NEWLY ELECTED CLERMONT COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND THANKED THE

COMMISSIONERS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AND ALSO THANKED THEM FOR ALL THEY DO FOR THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER CORCORAN SHARED THAT SHE IS GLAD MR. TEKULVE WAS PRESENT AND ADDED THAT HE HAS A GREAT STAFF DOWNSTAIRS WHO ARE WONDERFUL TO WORK WITH. COMMISSIONER BATCHLER WELCOMED MR. TEKULVE. COMMISSIONER PAINTER ASKED HOW IT FELT TO BE PART OF THE CLERMONT COUNTY TEAM AND MR. TEKULVE STATED THAT IT FEELS GREAT. COMMISSIONER PAINTER MENTIONED THAT MR. TEKULVE CAME IN WITH A LOT TOUGH CASES. MR. TEKULVE SHARED THAT HE HAS THE EXPERIENCE TO DEAL WITH THOSE CASES.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORAN ASKED FOR UPDATE ON THE ANIMAL SHELTER AND GREG BICKFORD, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, SHARED THAT THE SHELTER IS COMING ALONG NICELY AND WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC NEXT WEEK. CALEB PETERSON WILL BE PRESENT AT WEDNESDAY'S SESSION TO GIVE AN UPDATE.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORAN OPENED THE MEETING FOR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER PAINTER ASKED GAELE FAWLEY TO COME UP TO THE PODIUM. HE STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT A NEW MANUFACTURER, AMERICAN TRAILER WORLD, BRINGING AN \$18 MILLION INVESTMENT TO CLERMONT COUNTY AND HE RECOGNIZED MS. FAWLEY AS PLAYING A ROLE IN THAT DEVELOPMENT. COMMISSIONER PAINTER THANKED MS. FAWLEY AND MICHAEL MCNAMARA FOR THEIR HARD WORK. MS. FAWLEY THANKED COMMISSIONER PAINTER AND ALSO THANKED MR. MCNAMARA AND GREG BICKFORD FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. COMMISSIONER PAINTER SHARED THAT AMERICAN TRAILER WORLD HAS A FACILITY IN MT ORAB AND WILL BE GOING INTO AN EXISTING PORTION OF THE OLD FORD PLANT. MS. FAWLEY ADDED THAT IT IS A PERFECT FIT WITH THE BIG PARKING LOT TO STORE THE TRAILERS.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER CORCORAN THANKED MS. FAWLEY FOR SITTING IN AS THE CLERK PRO TEM LAST WEEK.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER BATCHLER SHARED THAT SHE HAS MET SO MANY GREAT PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR CLERMONT COUNTY SINCE BEING ON THE BOARD. SHE STATED THAT CLERMONT COUNTY IS IN GREAT HANDS AND SHE IS PROUD TO BE A PART OF IT. IN THE SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME SHE HAS BEEN ON THE BOARD, SHE HAS SEEN HOW HARD CLERMONT COUNTY EMPLOYEES WORK.

**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...APPROVED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler,

That the Board of County Commissioners, noting no further business to come before the commission for legislative action, adjourned this Regular Session at 10:41 A.M. until the next regularly scheduled session to be held at a later date.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

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**CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, PRESIDENT**

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**DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT**

**BONNIE J. BATCHLER, MEMBER**

**HOLLY CRUEY, CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**03/10/2021**  
**DATE APPROVED**